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SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

WEEKEND PARISH MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Polish Mass 12:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASS

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY, EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION

Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON MASS

Monday-Friday 4:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Half hour before each weekend
Mass or by appointment





SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14th

- 9:00 a.m. †Michael Rotolo (Family)
4:30 p.m. Wedding Anniversary of Walter & Sweekin Dressick

Sunday, January 15th – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00 a.m. †Ann Rader (Jeff & Lou Bauer)
12:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
6:00 p.m. †Russell "Rusty" Crooks (Carol Crooks)

Monday, January 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Louis & Mary Gabric (Sue & Bill Riesenberger)
4:00 p.m. †Adam & Jadwiga Dudzik (Family)

Tuesday, January 17th – St. Anthony, Abbot

- 9:00 a.m. †Michael Morris (Sue & Bill Riesenberger)
4:00 p.m. †Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Wednesday, January 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Jerry's Family (Jerry Schwan)
4:00 p.m. †Rose & Vincent Valentino (The Warburtons)

Thursday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Jerry's Family (Jerry Schwan)
4:00 p.m. †Joan Girardi (Ed & Kathy Disabato)

Friday, January 20th – St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

- 9:00 a.m. Dick, Leone & Bob Riesenberger
(Sue, Bill Riesenberger & Family)
4:00 p.m. †Ginny Porter (Ed & Kathleen Disabato)

For the Weekend of January 21st & 22nd

Saturday, January 21st – St. Agnes

- 9:00 a.m. †Eileen Gallagher (The Bowman Family)
4:30 p.m. †Steve Haninger (Rose Haninger)

Sunday, January 22nd – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 10:00 a.m. †Agnes Bauer (Jeff & Lou Bauer)
12:00 p.m. †Elwin Falor (Carol Crooks)
6:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Prayer Requests

Maryann Hogan, Anna Reed, Sophia Basil, Elaine DiSalvo, Sheila Pendergast, Al Kramer, Jim Hornback, Dominic & Flora Valentino, Evan Messman, Linda Zoretic, Ann DeCapua-Drayer, Norma Eviston, Mary Olvera, George Maher, Bill Maher, Danny Casey, Amy Holoway, Jan Keresztes, Theresa Piatt, Crystal Goddard, Brandon Terrell, Dannie Terrell, Jr., Bill Riesenberger, Clark Burrell, Mary Halloran, Patty Cass, Mary DeCapua-Lentz, Mark Losekamp, DeCapua Family, Robert Carpenter, Mark Rinehart, Evan & Regina Messman, Bobby Kloska, Megan & Family, Nora Sue Fletcher, Carrie Bailey, Johnson Family, Leanne Shot, Michael Maher

Upcoming Activities

Sunday, January 15th

No Family Faith Formation Classes

10:00 a.m. Church – RCIA: BOW

Monday, January 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

6:00 p.m. Church – Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 17th

6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Albert's – RCIA

Wednesday, January 18th

2:30-4:00 p.m. St. Albert's – Girl Scout

4:30-5:45 p.m. St. Albert's – Family Faith Formation

6:00 p.m. St. Albert's – Parish Council

Saturday, January 21st

11:00 a.m. Church – Robert Horujko Baptism

Sunday, January 22nd

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. School – Family Faith Formation

7:00 p.m. Cafeteria – Young Professionals Event

Welcome Fr. Wieslaw Gaska, SAC!

Fr. Wieslaw Gaska has joined St. Christopher Church as our new Assistant Pastor. He was ordained a priest in 1987. He served as a Pallotine priest in Poland until receiving an assignment to head for New York in 2015. Before arriving in Columbus, he was serving in Yonkers, New York at Our Lady of Mount Carmel for four years.

His hobbies include prayer (of course), sailing and reading adventure and religious books. He is very excited to be at St. Christopher and cannot wait to see what Columbus has to offer! Fr. Wieslaw said everyone can call him either Fr. Wes or Fr. Wesley. Let us all welcome Fr. Wesley!

Sermon on the Amount Offertory for January 8th

Total Envelope Count – 56	
Total Envelope \$ Amount	\$ 3,460.00
Loose Checks # – 3	
Total Loose Checks Amount	\$ 95.00
<u>Total Loose Cash \$ Amount</u>	<u>\$ 1,543.00</u>
Total Collection \$ Amount	\$ 5,098.00
December 2022 Venmo	\$ 2,715.00



venmo

Weekly Mass Count

- 4:30 p.m. Saturday – 101
10:00 a.m. Sunday – 195
12:00 p.m. Polish – N/A
6:00 p.m. Sunday – 145

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2023 St. Christopher Church
Annual Offertory Commitment
January 2023 to December 2023

Please complete both parts of this Commitment form and return it to the Church

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Home/Cell Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Commitment Calculation:

Use one of the formulas below to calculate your contribution for the next calendar year, 2023. Do not include any amounts for special collections. Please give to those as you are able throughout the year – they will be listed in the church bulletin. Select your method of payment and authorization on the bottom part of this form.

Weekly Offering:

\$ _____ x 52 weeks = \$ _____

OR

Monthly Offering:

\$ _____ x 12 months = \$ _____

Financial Commitment Options

___ My annual commitment has not changed.

___ I am increasing my/our annual offertory commitment by \$ _____.

My/Our annual commitment \$ _____.

- ☐ **I/We prefer to receive weekly envelopes from the parish so that I/we can contribute through the weekly offering at Mass.**

Complete the following for Automatic Withdrawal or Charges only

I/We wish to divide my/our annual commitment into (Check one option)

☐ Monthly installments of \$ _____.

☐ Quarterly installments of \$ _____.

☐ One in _____ (month) \$ _____.

Debit/Charge my account for the amount above as I have indicated. Your contribution will be deducted from your account on the 15th of the month at the interval you indicated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- ☐ **I/We hereby authorize St. Christopher Church to establish automatic withdrawals for the amount I have indicated, from my (check one):**

- ☐ Checking Account (enclose voided check, unless already in the system)
- ☐ Savings Account (enclose deposit slip, unless already in the system)

- ☐ **I/We hereby authorize St. Christopher Church to automatically charge my credit card for the amount I have indicated.**

Visa: _____ Mastercard: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Come to the Banquet Table – The Communion Rail

From the National Catholic Register:

While studying the *New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*, I paused at this sentence...At Holy Communion, when we go up to the Banquet Table (the altar rail), Our Lord comes to us. I had always thought of the Banquet Table as the main altar where the priest makes present Christ's sacrifice. It had never occurred to me that the altar rail was something more than a divider from the sanctuary, but that it is actually an extension of the altar—the people's altar. It is the place where we bring our own sacrifices as we wait to be united in communion with Our Lord and with each other, the Church.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/the-deeper-meaning-of-receiving-at-the-altar-rail>

From: "The Holy Mass" explained by Catalina by Jesus and Mary

When I went to receive communion, Jesus told me: "The Last Supper was the moment of the greatest intimacy with My own. During that hour of love, I established what could be thought of as the greatest act of lunacy in the eyes of men, that of making Myself a prisoner of Love. I established the Eucharist. I wanted to remain with you until the end of the centuries because My Love could not bear that you remained orphans, you whom I loved more than My life."

To read the whole story go to: <https://www.michaeljournal.org/articles/roman-catholic-church/item/the-holy-mass>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I reflect on this past year and the words of our Lord through Catalina Rivas of Cochabamba, Bolivia, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you my love for the Holy and Sacred Eucharist. Our Lord laid down His life for you and for me, but He did not leave us orphans. He remains with us in the flesh through the Eucharist. My soul longs to give Him the love and adoration He so richly deserves by providing the St. Christopher community the opportunity draw nearer to Christ during Communion. This is the reason for the gift of the Communion rails. It provides you the quiet reflective time to be as close to the altar as possible to view and contemplate Jesus' sacrifice for you and to comfortably receive the Eucharist kneeling before our Lord. It is a beautiful moment that I invite you to experience. As our Lord does, I only invite you to experience it, so if you are not comfortable or are unable to kneel at the communion rail, please remain standing behind the rails to receive the Eucharist. May the Lord fill you with His love and mercy through His precious gift of His Body and Blood.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Wojciech

To view how to receive the Eucharist at the Communion rails, you can watch this video <https://youtu.be/4B6BOEa50ms> but ushers will be available to assist you.

january events

7 Murder Mystery Party	15 Drinking with the Saints
8 Habaneros	19 Adoration
14 Prayer for Life	22 Football Tailgate Party
29 Praise and Worship	

Like us on Facebook at St. Christopher's Young Professionals for the latest updates on events

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 19th after 10:00 a.m. Mass
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday February 19th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We will welcome our new assistant priest, Fr. Wieslaw. This is also the last Sunday before Lent, so this will also serve as our mini Mardi Gras celebration. Please come and welcome Fr. Wieslaw.

In Memory of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Please Join us on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** for Mass. The Mass will be offered for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Bishop Fernandes has also asked that five decades be said for Pope Benedict XVI.

Blood Drive Announcement: I would like to thank the few parishioners who gave blood at St. Christopher's Blood Drive. Even though we only had 14 people sign up, we were able to obtain 17 useable units of blood, to help 51 people in need. Thanks to community members who signed up and walked in. If you were unable to give at this drive, please consider giving at other blood drives. Just contact redcrossblood.org, as there is always a need.

FESTIVAL! FESTIVAL! We are still looking for those talented individuals who can organize, plan, coordinate and manage our 2023 St. Christopher Parish Festival held in June! If you are ready to take on a project for your church, please contact dbowling841@gmail.com or call the office.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Holy Rosary-St. John

The Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist is hosting its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration on Monday, January 16, 2023 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary-St. John, 660 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus. The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, will be celebrating Mass and offering the message. Vernon Hairston will be directing the Gospel choir. Go to hrschurch.org/mlkday for more information.

You're Invited

The Blessing of Our New Image:
Mother of Mercy



Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:30 P.M.

St. Christopher Church

*Bishop Earl Fernandes will be celebrating Mass

2023 Catholic Women's Conference

Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters in Christ at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 18th. Inviting All Women ... please mark your calendar now for the **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 18th, 2022**, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Our theme is *Light Shines in the Darkness*, John 1:5. Register now at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. Come ready to rest, refresh and renew with the Lord and with sisters in Christ from around the diocese and beyond. You don't want to miss this uplifting, annual event for women to grow in faith, hope and love.

2023 Catholic MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 25 | 8:a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Kasich Hall, Ohio EXPO Center

The 26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Join us as we hear amazing speakers, celebrate brotherhood, and further our journey toward Sainthood! The day-long event will feature Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes. It includes nationally-known speakers, presentations, faith organizations, light breakfast fare and lunch!

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